

ABSTRACT

Disclosed herein is a method of making a stamped workpiece from a base material sheet. The
5 base material sheet has a thickness and defines a first plane. The stamped workpiece, upon completion of the process, has a protrusion and a crease line substantially adjacent thereto. The crease line divides the stamped workpiece into a first section and a second section. The method comprises a number of steps. One step in this method is the provision of at least one protrusion in the base material sheet. A workpiece periphery is defined in the base material sheet, the
10 periphery bounding an area of the base material sheet. The area has a first section and a second section. The workpiece periphery adjacent to the first section is substantially separated from the remainder of the base material sheet. The first section is bent away from the first plane along a crease line. The thickness of the base material sheet along the crease line is then substantially reduced. The workpiece is detached from the base material sheet along the workpiece periphery.
15 Optionally, the workpiece may be a tab opener for a food or beverage can.